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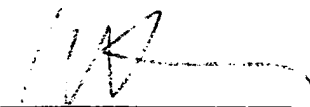
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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 28, 2003. Claims 1-8 were originally filed and they are the claims which remain pending for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Also, enclosed herewith, is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences.